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# S. 3741

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2006

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FUNDING AUTHORITY.**

4       (a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—

5               (1) AUTHORITY.—

6                       (A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a determination  
7                       by the Secretary of State described in subpara-  
8                       graph (B), the Secretary may transfer to the  
9                       “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular  
10                      Service” account from unobligated amounts in

any account under the “Administration of Foreign Affairs” heading such sums as may be necessary—

(i) to cover the costs of facilitating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006; and

(ii) to replenish the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account up to the level of funding that existed in such account on July 15, 2006.

(B) DETERMINATION.—A determination referred to in subparagraph (A) is a determination that additional funding for the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account is necessary as a result of the extraordinary costs of facilitating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006.

(C) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Amounts transferred under subparagraph (A) shall be merged with amounts in the “Emergencies in

the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account, and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such account.

(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subparagraph (B), not later than 5 days before transferring funds under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of the proposed transfer.

(B) EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES WAIVER.—

The Secretary may waive the requirement under subparagraph (A) if exigent circumstances exist. In the event of such a waiver, the Secretary shall provide notice of the transfer of funds to the appropriate congressional committees as early as practicable, but in no event later than 3 days after such transfer, including an explanation of the circumstances necessitating such waiver.

(C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—

In this paragraph, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and

1           the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate  
2           and the Committee on International Relations  
3           and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
4           House of Representatives.

5       (b) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
6   priated or otherwise made available by chapter 8 of title  
7   II of division B of Public Law 109–148 under the heading  
8   “EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR  
9   SERVICE” and any other unobligated amounts in the  
10  “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service”  
11  account may be made available to cover the costs of facili-  
12  tating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Depart-  
13  ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of  
14  persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006.

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